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Roxby Downs: SA's big earners

Roxby Downs residents are now among Australia's highest salary earners, with wages that outstrip Adelaide's most affluent eastern suburbs, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

In 2008-09, average wage and salary incomes in the northern mining community topped \$76,000 – more than \$23,000 higher than those recorded in Burnside, the next highest earners.

Nationally, only Sydney's most exclusive harbour-side suburbs - and Roebourne in Western Australia's Pilbara region - recorded higher average salary incomes.

The above income data are just one feature of many economic, social and environmental statistical online profiles updated today. This includes 70 local government areas in South Australia and over 2000 regions across Australia.

The ABS's National Regional Profile makes it easy for local communities to compare their regions with neighbouring districts, other regions in South Australia and elsewhere in Australia.

There are data available on hundreds of items, including estimated resident population, unemployment rates, number of motor vehicles, value of building approvals, and much more.

For example, did you know:

- Roxby Downs also has the highest number of registered motorcycles per capita in South Australia in 2010 (75 per 1,000 population);
- Burnside has the highest average value of private sector housing approvals (\$544,000) in the state in 2009-10, followed by Walkerville (\$398,000) and Holdfast Bay (\$341,000); and
- Unemployment in the Local Government Area of Playford was more than 4 times higher in 2009-10 than in Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and Tea Tree Gully (13% compared to 3%).

Regional statistics are available over a five year period up to 2010, so local communities can track changes over time in the characteristics of their areas.

The Google Maps interface makes finding regions a cinch. To get started, just click on the 'National Regional Profile' link on the ABS website, www.abs.gov.au.

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